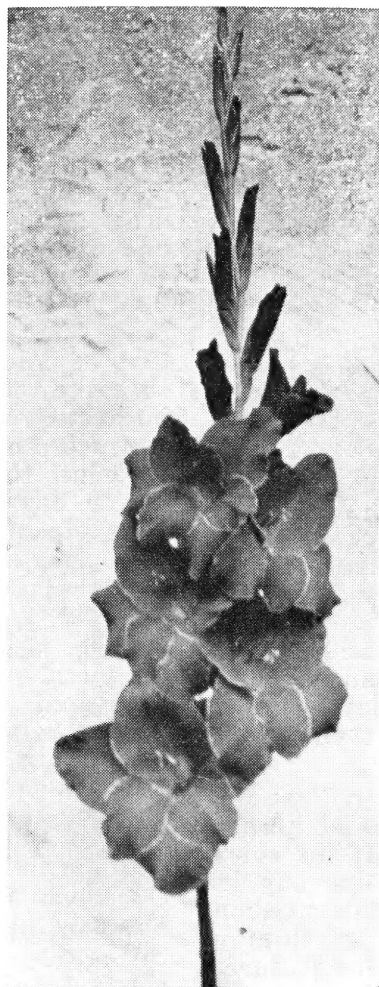
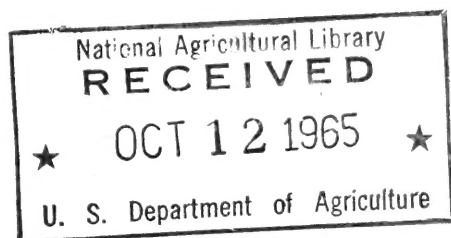


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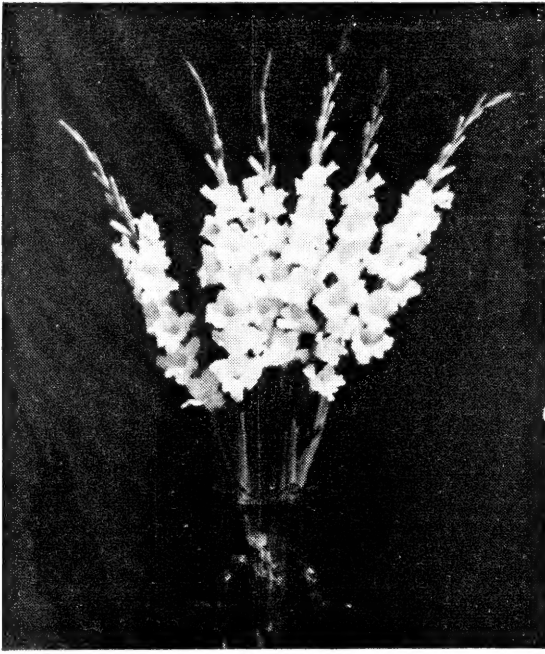


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Ohio State Gladiolus Society
Test Garden Report
of 1956 Gladiolus Trials

HERBERT O. EVANS :- SOLON, OHIO



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INTRODUCTORY

A GAIN, this booklet is planned for you. It adopts your point of view. It gives you hitherto unpublished facts upon which to base your own conclusions. It is not cluttered up with fictitious values.

This is our 29th annual catalog. Without a large following of satisfied customers our business would have ceased years ago. So, of course, we thank them all.

Color value is the prime ingredient for winning sectional, divisional and higher championships in the shows. If the color does not please, why should one buy it. Even a show exhibitor will not want such a variety unless he feels the judges may be so awed by a 30" flowerhead, a 7" floret or a 26 bud spike or 12 open florets as to overlook superior color. However, since we began to break down the color item percentage-wise for specific analysis, judges in America are definitely weighing color points more and more consciously. Less and less often do the judges err by giving the nod to a spike with one more bud, one more open or with a bit longer head as against another with a color value many points its superior.

When reading "test reports" relating to new horticultural material, the background of the testing program should be understood by the reader. There are long

existing, highly reputable "perpetual" horticultural organizations engaged in testing new horticultural material, including gladiolus, such as the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) at Wisley Gardens, England, Trial Grounds of the Netherland Gladiolus Society at Haarlem, Holland, Ballarat Horticultural Gardens in Australia. The Dominion Arboretum at Ottawa is doing good work with gladiolus.

The test program of the Ohio State Gladiolus Society, a corporation not for profit, had a good chance for perpetuity under the Valleevue test gardens set-up where the lands of Flora Stone Mather College, a department of Western Reserve University, are held under a grant for botanical and horticultural research, education and recreation, and were used under the joint sponsorship of the university, the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland and the Ohio Gladiolus Society. At the moment, however, with the resignation of Mr. Manley as horticulturist in charge of the Valleevue program, lack of interest by the Woman's College to select his successor spilled the testing programs back into the laps of the various separate flower organizations, dahlia, iris, gladiolus, etc.

A variety has around thirty different characteristics to consider, relating to form, color, size, height, strength, substance, season, bulb health, propagation, etc. No cataloger can spare the time and space to describe them all, but we can and do report a glad's most interesting features and you may definitely assume, in the absence of specific mention of some undesirable traits, to the best of our knowledge and belief, **the traits or habits not specifically mentioned are above the "satisfactory" level.**

When you note a Commercial "A" rating reported in this Guidebook, you may rest assured that, under normal growing conditions the variety will have a good stem, good flowerhead, passable to superior color, good propagation, good bud separation, good access to cutting and ability to open well in water from spikes cut with but little bud color.

We do not issue a fall list and we do not solicit "pre-catalog" orders. Most of them require later revision because of abandoned varieties and price reductions. We do recommend that you place your order soon after receipt of this Guidebook to avoid, in so far as it is possible, the disappointment of sold out items.

HERBERT O. EVANS

Farm, 5227 SOM Center Road
(State Route 91)

OLON, OHIO

We are most generous with our extra bulb count or sampling of other varieties. See Terms of Sale.

Our current year introductions (readily identified by a Star ★) are priced "easy on the pocketbook."

Considerable explanatory data for new readers of our Guidebook necessarily must be repeated.

COLOR CHART

The mounted Fischer Color Chart (108 color blocks) is again available. Send \$2.25 to New England Gladiolus Society, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston 15, Mass. We no longer stock them.

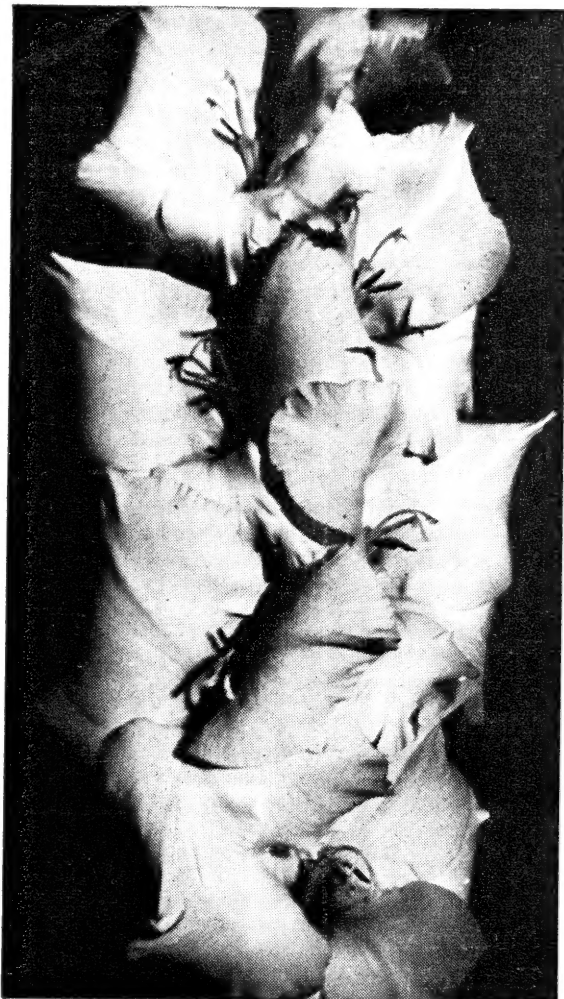
CLASSIFICATION INDEX

A booklet of about 24 pages, identifying size, color, originator, year first available via U. S. price lists and number of days to bloom. About July 1st send 15 cents to North American Gladiolus Council, 820 Ontario St., Havre de Grace, Md. for latest edition.

CULTURAL BOOKLETS

Both the NEGS and the NAGC issue Cultural Booklets. Inquire of their respective secretaries for free copy, the former at Horticultural Hall, Boston 15, Mass. and the latter at 820 Ontario St., Havre de Grace, Md.

(A dime to help defray expenses undoubtedly would be appreciated.)



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SOCIETY LITERATURE

In the U. S. there are 55 or more state and regional societies. About 35 in Canada.

The New England Gladiolus Society (NEGS) has about 40 affiliations and issues annually 4 magazines of some 70 pages each and a year book of about 220 pages. \$3.00 per year.

The North American Gladiolus Council (NAGC) has about 50 affiliations and issues four Bulletins of about 110 pages each. \$2.00 per year.

The Canadian Gladiolus Society (CGS) has about 35 affiliations and issues a 200 page annual especially valuable for its complete symposium of some 1000 varieties in odd years and a Recent variety symposium of some 6-800 varieties in even years. \$3.00 per year.

The Ohio State Gladiolus Society (OSGS) issues quarterly bulletins including its Test Garden Report (as successor to Valleevue) on gladiolus. \$1.00 per year. The Ohio Society is the only one of about 12 state societies currently issuing regular publications affiliated with all three above.

OSGS with NEGS \$3.75. OSGS with NAGC \$2.50, OSGS with CGS \$3.00. OSGS with NEGS and NAGC \$5.25. OSGS with NEGS and CGS \$5.75. OSGS with NAGC and CGS \$4.50. All four \$7.25, a saving of \$1.75 on the \$9.00 total involved if taken separately.

These various combinations are obtainable only through the Ohio society. Send your combination "subscription" to W. W. Wood, secretary, Rudolph, Ohio making checks or money orders payable to the Ohio State Gladiolus Society.

You also secure regular membership rights,

GLADIOLUS TRIALS 1956

OHIO STATE GLADIOLUS SOCIETY

Herewith the 14th annual report of Gladiolus testing under the supervision of Thomas R. Manley, Horticulturist, 6 years in West Virginia, 3 years under the sponsorship of Western Reserve University at their Valleevue Farm, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, the last 5 years under the direct sponsorship of the Ohio State Gladiolus Society at the H. O. Evans' farm, Solon, Ohio (also in the Chagrin River Valley).

Duplicate O. S. G. S. plantings have been grown by Mr. Manley, 3 years at Burlington, Vt., and the last two years at his farm, Liverpool, Pa. In '56 in Ohio, one of the coldest, wettest growing seasons on record with a great deficiency of sunlight. Many summer nights were in the low forties, too cold for normal speed of bud development. Blooming dates were 1-3 weeks late, just the reverse of the '55 season.

Mr. Evans made an extra good test garden display at the state show, Cleveland, that included a large array of the

beautiful "Butterfly" type glads with florets mostly in the 3-4 inch range and followed with equally good or even better displays at the "Chagrin Valley" show (this year at the Solon Town Hall) and the "RI-SDLG" show at Aurora.

At the Pa. planting, 350 miles to the east, similar conditions prevailed. Mr. Manley sums it up—"A good growing season and a good bulb crop though it seemed to be raining almost continuously, too wet and cold for ideal growth or for ascertainment of maximum potential possibilities of new varieties".

Those interested in submitting varieties for trial (12 or more bulbs are requested) may contact Thomas R. Manley, Route 1, Liverpool, Pa. or H. O. Evans, Solon, Ohio, whichever location is more convenient for the sender.

Thomas E. Chorpennning, Editor
December 5, 1956.

GLADIOLUS RATINGS

Data presented in order of listing

1. Name of variety.
2. Name of hybridizer.
3. Year of introduction in North America. If not introduced, the initials N.I. indicate the fact.
4. Color and size classification by North American Gladiolus Council standards.
5. Season of bloom. VE (very early) under 65 days; E (early) 65-75; EM (early mid-season) 75-85; M (mid-season) 85-95; LM (late mid-season) 95-100; L (late) over 100 days.
6. Flowerhead data: first figure represents number of open florets in field; second, buds in color; third, number of green buds; fourth, total buds, maximum bloom from the 12 or more bulbs grown.
7. Size of floret in inches.
8. Color value. Poor under 80; Fair 80-85; Good (having only minor color faults) 85-90; Excellent over 90; Perfect 100. A study of comparative ratings in the same color classification gives one a good conception of the value of these color ratings and the high degree of care used in judging color values.
9. Exhibition rating. AA—Superior; A—Excellent; B—Good; C—Fair; and D—Poor. Based on all qualities entering into production of prize winning blooms and giving proper consideration to the proportion of good exhibition bloom obtainable from the quantity grown.
10. Commercial rating. Indicated AA to D as above. The best Commercial gladiolus, commonly, is the best exhibition gladiolus which also has those characteristics enabling the commercial grower to maintain healthy stocks with easy propagation; one which blooms well from planting stock, has good placement and attachment, produces blooms at desired seasons, has sufficient length and bud count; cuts, keeps, ships and opens easily even though cut in tight bud. And above all it has that high degree of color value which moves the variety easier and at better price than others offered in the same color classification having inferior color value. On occasion, attractive form of floret assists in this respect.
11. A brief color description follows each variety.

OHIO STATE GLADIOLUS SOCIETY TRIALS, 1956

BEST GLADIOLUS IN THE TEST GARDENS—1956

NAME	Originator	Yr. Int.	Class	Season	Flowerhead	Size Inch	Color Value	Exh.	Com'l.
Adams Blue	Hoek	N.I.	378	VE	6-6-5-17	3½	87	B	B
Deep blue violet, high color value, healthy.									
Albert Schweitzer	K & M	N.I.	436	LM	7-5-4-16	5¼	87	B	B
Clean warm scarlet, deeper throat, high color value, uniformly excellent spikes.									
Apricot Beauty	Lins	N.I.	516	M	7-8-2-17	5½	85	B	B
Creamy buff, yellow in throat. Formal spikes, florets mostly inverted type.									
Arm. 1-181-10	Armstrong, M.	N.I.	306	M	7-6-7-20	4	89	A	B
Clean cream, lips clean sulphur yellow. Tall, ruffled, prim hooding, recurved.									
Blue Radiance	Clarke	55	477	E	7-6-8-21	4½	84	B	B
Tall, pale blue violet, purplish rose mark in throat, rib line ending white. Occasional fleck or feather.									
Bohemienne	K & M	N.I.	413	M	8-6-3-17	5	85	A	B
Deep golden yellow with deep carmine throat brush. Formal spikes with up to 10 bud color before first opens.									
Carinya	Errey	54	430	EM	8-7-4-19	4½	90	AA	A
Revision. Clean light salmon (lighter than Luxury), slight blend of yellow into throat. Tall, long, formal heads. Healthy.									
Clair de Lune	De Be	N.I.	410	E	8-9-3-20	5	86	B	B
Tall, strong spikes. Light yellow blending into greenish sulphur throat.									
Fic. 1005-50	Fischer	N.I.	422	LM	7-7-6-20	4½	85	B	B
Clean medium orange, deeper to edge, deep golden yellow in throat. Ruffled, creased, Lacinated. Tall, three foot heads, placed one over one.									
Fulda	K & M	56	410	VE	10-7-3-20	5	88	A	AA
Revision of commercial rating. Can bud color 16 before first opens.									
Hutton 49036	Hutton	N.I.	566	L	8-4-4-16	6	87	B	B
Blue toned lavender, clean white throat and rib line. Color deepens in cold weather, with possible feathering. Tall, strong spikes.									
Innocence	Fischer	57	440	M	8-8-6-22	5	89	A	A
Falest pink, blending into clean, creamy white throat. Excellent color, extra under rear highlighting. Well ruffled. Tall plants, informal heads up to 35 inches.									
Insurpassable	Salman	55	452	VE	10-6-4-20	5	86	A	AA
Revision of rating. Healthy. Considering earliness, makes remarkably tall and strong plants carrying 26" heads that do not even bend. Good propagator.									
Island Queen	Lins	N.I.	500	M	7-6-4-17	6	83	B	B
White blending to cream with red peppering deep in throat. Long heads.									
Keukenhof	Visser	55	562	LM	10-7-4-21	6	88	A	A
Revision of commercial rating. Time and experience with quantity stock has proven health, cut habits and good propagation.									
Kosmos	K & M	56	533	EM	9-7-6-22	6½	88	AA	AA
Revision upward of size and commercial rating. 25 and 26 bud spikes have been had. Healthy. Fast propagator.									
K & M's Supreme	K & M	N.I.	416	L	7-6-5-18	5	90	A	A
Purest apricot with clear lemon yellow blend into lip petals. Slight ruffling at edge. Flare with recurve. Beautiful.									
La Corunna	K & M	N.I.	455	M	7-8-7-22	5¼	87	A	B
Clean, velvety black red. A sharply defined clean white line extending on three petals. Tall, strong spikes carrying 27 inch heads.									
Maytime	Fischer	57	443	E	8-7-7-22	5¼	86	A	A
Medium-deep pink that resists feathering, with large creamy white area in throat and extending a pointed line along each petal. Slight ruffling at edge. Tall spikes, heads up to 20 inches.									
Oscar	K & M	N.I.	552	M	8-8-6-22	6¼	85	A	A
Clean, velvety deep red (approaching black red). Deep in throat a peppering of cream extending as a cream line on lip petals. Wide petals, flaring florets. 9-12 bud color before first opens. Strong "whopper" formal spikes, 65" height, 30" heads. Healthy. Blackest bulbs yet seen.									
Philbert	K & M	N.I.	400	M	7-7-6-20	5	88	B	A
Purest white self (violet stems), round petals, slightly recurved. Simultaneous, uniform blooms. All evidence points to excellent commercial habits.									

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NAME	Originator	Yr. Int.	Class	Season	Flowerhead	Size Inch	Color Value	Rating Exh.	Com'l.
Picotee	Kooy	N.I.	440	M	9-6-5-20	4¾	85	B	B
Pale, slightly buffy, pink, not far from ivory. Deeper pink hair line on margin of all petals. A pepper of red rose deep in cream throat. Uniform, shapely, long lasting, formal spikes.									
Red Delight	Preyde	N.I.	452	M	7-6-5-18	5¼	86	B	B
Rich red, creamy white line on midribs. Tall, wiry stems.									
Revelation	Tyndall	54	452	EM	8-8-6-22	5¼	85	B	B
Clean velvety red, deeper on lips. Tall spikes.									
Rice 60-46	Rice	N.I.	410	L	8-8-3-19	5	87	B	B
Clean, medium-light yellow self. Strong, straight spikes, 60" tall with heads up to 30 inches.									
Roberts 1545-1	Roberts	N.I.	400	M	8-6-8-22	5	86	B	B
Clean white, slightly greenish cream throat. Close to six foot spikes, heads up to 30 inches.									
Roberts 1582-1	Roberts	N.I.	500	LM	7-9-5-21	5¾	86	B	B
White self. Somewhat triangular winged florets. Height 65", heads 24-30". Cut habits appear good.									
Royal Stewart	Pommert	56	450	EM	11-7-3-21	5	84	A	A
Light red, faint creamy etching around the deeper throat. Tall spikes with unusually long heads, considering formal placement, up to 30 inches.									
Summer Fairy	K & M	N.I.	333	E	9-6-6-21	3½	85	B	B
Apricot salmon, solid mahogany brown on yellow base throat. 50" tall, 24" heads. Another attractive example of the K & M Butterfly Type.									
Troubador	Fischer	N.I.	469	M	8-8-6-22	5	86	A	B
Clean deep lavender, conspicuous clean creamy white throat.									
Yellow Triumph	Wigchert	N.I.	410	LM	8-7-5-20	5¼	88	AA	A
Clean straw yellow, blending deeper on lip petal. Consistently makes flawless super formal spikes, top to bottom, with a perfection of taper that should catch the eye of any exhibition judge. Florets often 100% inverted. Strong stems, 58-66" height, 28-30" heads. Propagation not fast but good.									

COLOR AND SIZE CLASSIFICATION

The color separations as adopted by the North American Gladiolus Council in 1946 was last revised in 1952.

So we brief them here because it will enable you to make judicious use of our method of cataloging varieties in their own color groups where the variety descriptions and prices may be readily compared. Ever since our first catalog in 1929 we have done so and the trend in this direction is increasing.

This brief will also give you a rather complete understanding of any gladiolus show you may visit in the U. S.

SIZES

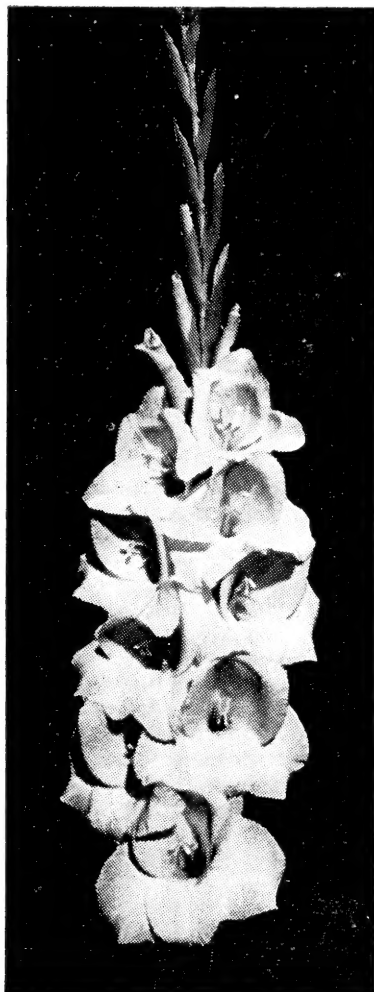
Giant	500 series	5½ inches and up
Large	400 series	4½ to 5½
Medium	300 series	3½ to 4½
Small	200 series	2½ to 3½
Miniature	100 series	under 2½

Thus the first digit of the 3 digit number indicates the size range of the floret of the gladiolus in question.

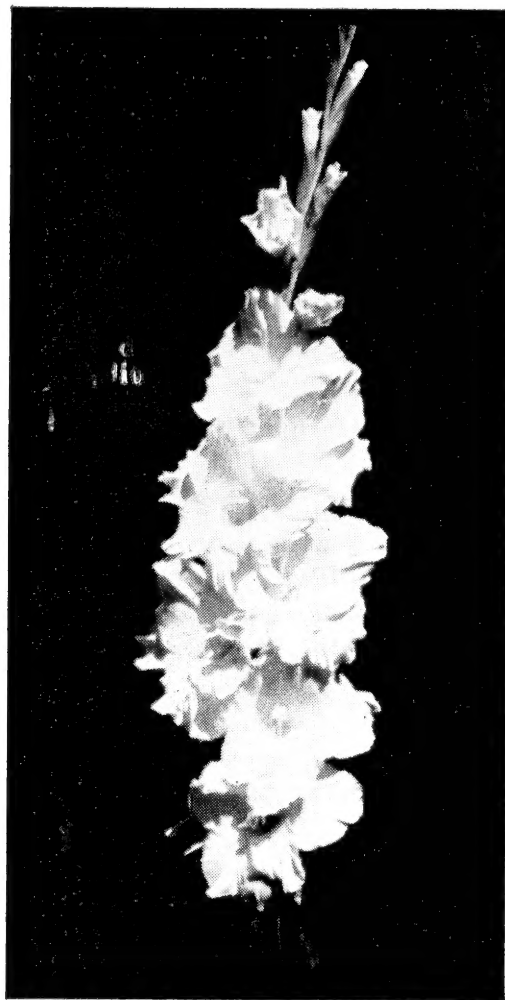
SIZE OF BULB TO BUY

If economy be the aim, do not rely on small bulbs to give wholly satisfactory blooms. The small bulbs will all bloom but medium bulbs almost always give far better than "medium" sized spikes of the given variety. Our descriptions usually indicate whether or not the variety is an exceptionally fine producer of blooms from the smaller sizes.

Commercially, bulbs are graded into 6 sizes. Size 6 is under ½ inch diameter and other sizes range up to every ¼ inch, the number 1 bulb being 1½ inch up. Catalogs commonly offer bulbs as L (large) (sizes 1 and 2) (1¼ inch up); M (medium) (sizes 3 and 4) (¾ to 1¼ inch); S (small) (sizes 5 and 6) (¼ to ¾ inch) and Blts. (bulblets, the little hard shelled cormels which cling at the roots of the bulb).



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COLOR SEPARATIONS

These are the 2nd and 3rd digits of the 3 digit numbers. The first of these represents the color group. The second denotes the depth of color within the group. If the color is without conspicuous marking this last number will be even. If the color has conspicuous marking the next higher odd number will be used. The color variations refer to the revised Fischer Color Chart.

00 White	00 (without conspicuous marking)	
	01 (with, etc.)	
Cream	06 paler than Y6 and GY6	
10 Yellow	10 Light. (Y5-6)	
	12 Deep. (Y2-3-4)	
Buff	16 (0Y6, Y06 and paler)	
20 Orange	20 Light. (05-6, Y05 and paler)	
	22 Deep. (0Y2-3-4, Y03-4, 02-3-4-5)	
	24 Red O. (R02-3)	
30 Salmon	30 Light. (R05-6 and paler)	
	32 Deep. (0R5-6, R04)	
36 Scarlet	36 (0R2-4)	

40 Pink	40 Light. (Paler than R6)	
	42 Med. (R6)	
	44 Deep. (R5)	
50 Red	50 Light. (R4)	
	52 Deep. (R3)	
	54 Black. (R1-2, 0R1-2)	
60 Rose	60 Light. (Nearest R5-6 trace of V)	
	62 Med. (Nearest R4 trace of V)	
	64 Deep. (Nearest R3 trace of V)	
66 Lav.	66 Light. (VR5-6, RV5-6)	
	68 Deep. (VR3-4, RV3-4)	
70 Purple	70 (RV1-2, VR1-2)	
76 Violet	76 Light. (V4-5-6, BV4-5-6)	
	78 Deep. (V1-2-3, BV1-2-3)	
80 Smoky	80 Containing gray. (Can subdivide)	
	82 (Orange smoky)	
	83 (Salmon smoky)	
	84 (Pink smoky)	
	85 (Red smoky)	
	86 (Lavender or rose smoky)	
90 Any other color.	(mostly brown shades)	

Glads now readily fall into place. The giant, unmarked white Strathnaver is 500. Boldface 533 being a giant deep salmon and blotched. Kittyhawk 366 being a medium sized lavender, etc.

TERMS OF SALE

CASH WITH ORDER. Ohio customers kindly add the 3% state sales tax now in effect on sales of gladiolus bulbs and bulblets.

You may have 3 to 5 or more bulbs or bulblets at the 10 rate which is 8 times the each rate. (Thus a \$1.00 bulb reduces to 80¢ in lots of 3-10).

25 bulbs or bulblets may be had at the 100 rate. (Thus, blts. at \$1.00 per 100 may be had 25 for 25¢).

Current year items and a limited few other very scarce items are designated "NET PRICES". To these the above reductions do not apply.

DELIVERY of orders from GENERAL PRICE LIST, prepaid in U. S. only, normally beginning early March, when postal shipments of perishables become safe. Deliveries requested before that time may be made by express, transportation charges collect, at our option, governed largely by weather and package size.

MINIMUM PURCHASES. In shipping season time is a major problem. To gain time in this rush season some minimum amount items appear in our General List such as 2/.25 (2 for 25¢) or 3/.30 (3 for 30¢), etc.

Our plants are state inspected late in the growing season and our bulbs in storage around March 1st. Further, we examine every bulb at time of putting up

order, all of which pays off with sound bulbs, fit to plant "as is".

Replacement or refund purchase price any bulb, root, plant or seed that does not prove true to name or does not arrive in condition herein represented. Bulblet and seed germination are not guaranteed.

No substitutions will be made.

Orders received until planting but subject to stock being unsold. To get proper propagation of new sorts, it does not pay us to hold for further sale bulbs and blts priced only per each beyond May 1st. Order early. Our selling season is very short. Remember we deal in many items in negligible U. S. supply. In some instances we have the only American grown stocks on the continent and late buyers of such items may have to be satisfied with "sold out" information and refund of their cash.

Notice to Canadian Customers

Apply to the Division of Plant Protection, Science Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada for permit and mailing label, for bulbs and bulblets. No permit required for seeds.

Parcels of 5 pounds or more may be shipped by express, transportation charges collect, at our option.

Bulbs and bulblets priced per each. 10 sold at 8 times each rate.

3, 5 or more sold at this 10 rate. Bulblets 25 at 100 rate.

10 Rate does not apply to items priced "NET".

NEWCOMERS TO OUR LIST

Our current year introductions, import releases, items returned to catalog after absence for propagation and other newcomers to our list will now appear where they really belong, filtered into their respective color series but readily identified by use of a star (★).

An exception: the small and "Butterfly" varieties will be grouped by themselves, alphabetically. These particular varieties are a major advancement in their size range in that they are mostly well ruffled, have long stems, 8 and more open on long flowerheads with 16-26 buds, many with formal placement and spectacular yet harmonious solid throat marks.

Import release—first U. S. retail catalog listing of a foreign variety, usually grown here 1-2 years before release.

GENERAL PRICE LIST

See "Terms of Sale"

NOTE: For key to Series—size and color classifications, see Page 6.

Vv (Valleevue), Ohio, Ohio-Vv, Ohio-Vt. used interchangeably because in all cases the ratings are based 100% on the judging of the same group of Ohio society judges.

Group inch listings are height of plant (as 55"), length of flowerhead (as 22"), diameter of floret (as 5").

For further abbreviations used in these descriptions see the Data next preceding the tabulated report of the test garden trials on page 4.

PART ONE SMALL AND BUTTERFLY VARIETIES

★307 **ARES** (K & M) '54. Our ratings: E. White with amber pink glow, giving a near creamy effect (currently classified cream), spectacularly blotched solid scarlet. Lightly ruffled. Tall, shapely spikes. Definitely a potential champion with several division champs already. F.C.C. (First Class Certificate) Haarlem. 52", 26", 4", 9-7-5-21, 85-A-A.
Each L .25.

331 **ATTICA** (K & M) (our '55 import release) M. Light salmon, blending deeper toward margin. Narrow red line on prominent deep yellow throat. Ruffled **BUTTERFLY TYPE**. Tall, wiry and strong spikes of good height carrying 4 inch florets and 8-6-6-20 buds. Ohio-Vt. test ratings 86-B-B.
Each L .30 M .20 Blts 10/25.

353 **FROHSINN**. Withheld for propagation.

241 **FEMINA** (K & M) (our '56 U. S. introduction). Ohio-Pa. ratings: E. Clean light lilac pink, large solid, fiery scarlet throat, bordered cream. Slight ruffling, slight face-up. Flaring petals, recurved, spectacular. Holland "Butterfly Type". 48", 26", 2¾", 8-8-8-24, 86-A-B. A.M. (Award of Merit), Wisley Gardens, England, '53.
Net Prices Each L .40 M .30 Blts 10/25.

391 **GIPSY LOVE** (Zigeuner Liebe) (K & M '56) (our '56 co-introduction). Ohio-Vv ratings: M. Holland "Butterfly Type". Brown toned orange, vivid tangerine blotch. 56", 22", 3½-4", 8-7-7-22, 87-A-A.

Wiry, straight and strong. Substance excellent. Fast propagator. Highest rated Holland "Butterfly". A.M. both Haarlem and Wisley (R.H.S.).

Net Prices Each L .40 M .30 Blts 10/30.

210 **GREEN THUMB** (Butt) (our '56 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: VE. Clear, medium-light yellow, a green toned yellow self. Ruffled and fluted. Statuette form but with clear throat. Excellent habits. Extremely early.

50", 20", 3", 6-7-4-17, 88-A-A.

Has won approval also in trial grounds in Canada and England.

Prices Each L \$1. M .60 S .40 Blts 5/30.

331 **MELODIE** (K & M '54) (U. S. '55). Our ratings: Clean light salmon pink with a bold, large orange scarlet blotch. Very spectacular. Ruffled, flaring, recurved.

52", 24", 3¾", EM, 86-B-B.

Each L .30 M .20 Blts 10/25 160/150.

200 **POLAR CUB**. Oversold last season, withdrawn to propagate.

★336 RENDEZ-VOUS (K & M) (our '57 U. S. introduction).

Our ratings: VE. Butterfly type. Clean scarlet, deeper on lips and along mid-ribs. Extra tall, wiry, straight and strong spikes. Ruffled and recurved. All of the K & M Butterflies are good to rapid propagators and are ideal for floral work and table decoration and for their irresistible color combinations. 54", 24", 3¾", 84-B-B. A.M. Haarlem. Net Prices Each L .50 M .35 Blts (10/.40).

★333 SUMMER FAIRY (K & M '57) (our '57 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: E. Clean, deep apricot salmon, solid mahogany brown on yellow base throat. Raised ribs slightly lighter. Recurved, needle-point. Another very attractive example of the sensational Butterfly Type. Good habits. Spectacular contrasts.

50", 24", 3½", 9-6-6-21, 85-B-B.
Net Prices Each Large \$1.

278 TEHAMA. Withheld for propagation.

★TOPOLINO (K & M '57) (our '57 co-introduction).

Our ratings: EM. Clean, pure deep golden yellow with well defined, large solid orange-scarlet blotches. Tall shapely spikes. The most ruffled and one of the most spectacularly blotched of the K & M Butterflies. The color combination very harmonious.

48", 22", 3½", 9-5-3-17, 87-B-B.

Offered to our customers only for sampling purposes, 5 bulb limit. Acclimated larger bulbs not yet available, except for the coming Ohio test program.

Net Prices Ea. Small only (No. 4-5) \$1. (3/\$2.25).

PART TWO OF GENERAL PRICE LIST Varieties by Color Series

WHITE—00 Series

★400 ANTARCTIC (K & M '57) (our '57 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: EM. 56", 28", 5", 9-7-3-19, 90-A-A.

Ruffled, pure white with faint trace of cream in throat. Uniform, straight and strong spikes of excellent substance with super formal placement. Later blooming splits equally good. Since the rating, with acclimated bulbs, one spike 9-9-7-25 and others with 23 and 24 buds. A.M., Wisley and F.C.C., Haarlem.

Net Prices Each L \$1. M .75.

300 L'ESPERANCE (K & M) (our '54 co-introduction).

M. Clean, purest white, cream line on lip petal. Tall foliage, tall 60-inch plants, long step-ladder spikes on strong, straight and wiry stems. The color and commercial ratings have been raised, very justifiably. 9-6-7-22 buds, 4¼ inches.

Ohio-Vt. ratings 90-B-A.

F.C.C., Haarlem.

Supply limited.

Each M .25.

★400 SIERRA SNOW (Harris) '51.

Ohio-Vv ratings: EM. 58-60", 30", 5", 10-6-5-21, 87-A-A.

Ruffled white, blending into cream throat. Slight pinkish line on lip petal. Many open, long flowerheads. Can open 12.

A real champion contender and the com'l growers have come to appreciate its worth. Now in a tie for best exh. var., 3-4-500 series, '56 NAGC Exh. symposium.

L (2/.30) (10/\$1.20).

400 SNOWCLAD (Harris) '53. EM.

Ohio-Vv ratings: Tall, clean white with greenish cream throat. Long stems, stately heads.

66", 28", 5", 8-8-4-20, 86-A-A.

Each L .30 M .20 S .15 Blts 10/.20.

★401 SPARKLING EYES (Jack) '53.

Our ratings: M. 53", 26", 4½", 8-6-5-19, 85-A-B.

Tall, strong spikes, well placed, white with prominent blue-toned purple throat marks. Well named. Winning assorted championships. Healthy variety.

Each L .20 (10/1.50).

Bulbs and bulblets priced per each. 10 sold at 8 times each rate.

3, 5 or more sold at this 10 rate. Bulblets 25 at 100 rate.

10 Rate does not apply to items priced "NET".

CREAM—06 Series

506 LIEF ERICSSON (K & M) (our '52 import release). M. Now considered by us and many other growers one of the five best all-purpose gladiolus. A grand champ and 2nd day grand champ contender in almost every show.

Deep greenish cream that pales somewhat as it ages. Number 4 bulbs make 60 inch spikes with 6-8 open, 18-20 buds. Large bulbs 72 inches, 10-9-6-25 buds, 6 inch florets.

Fast propagator, no faults, either as exhibition or commercial.

Ohio-Vt. test ratings: 90-A-AA.

See illustration.

Prices L 27/30 (10/1.20) Blts 100/\$1.

506 LORELEI (Howell) (Our '55 co-introduction). M. Heavily ruffled and creased light cream with deeper throat. Cream buds. 58 inches height, 5-5½ inch florets, 24-29 inch heads. Fast propagator.

Runner-up to winner in the '53 All America trials. An Award of Merit at Chicago International, "Most Beautiful" in Tenn., grand champ in N. J.

Classification raised to 500 size but we still get them 400 size here. Top rated R.I. cream Exh., '56 NAGC symposium. Ohio-Vt. test ratings 87-A-B.

See illustration.

Each L .75 M .50 S .25 Blts 100/\$3.

YELLOW—10 Series

312 CATHERINE BEATH (Coutts-Evans '51). LM. Very clean and deep yellow. Color rating 94. Excellent commercial, rated A. Superior exhibition use rating, AA. Like Luxury, Boldface and Mid-America it tops its color class for Valleevue color ratings. Fact is, among all color classes, only Strathnaver (500) tops it with 96. Spikes stand strong and wiry, 55 inches, opening 9-6-6-21 with ease, always well placed. Good propagator, though not "fast".

Plants and bulbs maintain wonderful health. Florets resist soggy weather. Top rated deep yellow exh. variety in '56 NAGC Symposium.

Numerous section and division championships, two color championships, rated 88 by Canadian Growers Club testing program.

Valleevue (Vv) ratings: 94-AA-A.

See illustration.

L (27/30) (10/1.20) M (10/.80) Blts 100/.50.

Quantity F.O.B. Prices per 100 L \$10. M \$7.

★**412 FLOWERSONG** (K & M) '56. E. Tested in '54 by the Ohio-Vt. program, it received 88-B-B. Naturally, the com'l rating on first trial of a few bulbs must be extremely conservative. But two more years, with propagation, clearly indicate a com'l A. While a little more height could be desired, otherwise it is close to perfection. The floret, lightly ruffled, is beautifully formed, perfectly placed, of very heavy texture and opens perfectly to tip when cut in bud.

Both bulb and plant health and propagation are obviously outstanding. Early. The color is very clean, deep yellow self, the excellent keeping qualities are readily noticable in arrangements.

F.C.C. by RHS, Wisley Trial Gardens, England, A.M., Haarlem where in both '54 and '56 Flowersong was chosen "Cup Winner" (meaning champion variety, all colors and sizes included, selected from all the weekly shows throughout bloom season, part of their test program).

48-52", 24-26", 5", 7-6-5-18.

Net Prices Each L \$1. M .75 S .50 Blts (37.25) (8/.50).

410 FULDA (K & M '56) (our '56 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: E. Excellent commercial light yellow self, all the traits necessary for a cut flower. Creased and ruffled, wide petals, recurved. Uniform, straight spikes, 8-10 open. Fast propagator. VE. Can bud color 16 before 1st opens. Com'l rating revised.

57", 25", 5", 10-7-3-20, 88-A-AA.

In our opinion, an outstanding bargain. See illustration on page 13.

Each L .40 (37.90) M .25 (37.60) Blts 25/.50.

BUFF—16 Series

516 A. B. COUTTS (R. D. Coutts) (Coutts-Evans '53 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: M-LM. Huge peachy buff with deep yellow throat, frosty appearance. Exceptional disease resistance.

60", 34½", 6¼", 9-8-7-24, 90-A-AA. Clean, smooth florets are almost entirely of the much desired inverted type (single lip, top petal to rear). The spikes all have long flowerheads with perfect form and placement that seem to be accomplished with geometric precision. The facing and spacing are just never faulty. The bulblet increase is very good even from large bulbs and they germinate 100% with ease, followed by very vigorous growth. Spikes cut tight develop perfectly in water.



A. B. COUTTS

Regardless of quantities involved, the bulbs also stay spotlessly clean and healthy, year after year, regardless of weather conditions, a fine trait for a rather late variety.

Has proved itself a division champ, grand champ and second day champ contender and is rapidly acquiring world-wide acclaim.

Judged "Most Beautiful" at two Empire shows.

Leads the buff Recent Introductions in the '56 NAGC Commercial Symposium. See illustration.

Each L .25 (5/\$1.) M (2/.30) (10/\$1.25) S (3/.30) (10/.75) Blts 100/\$1.

Quantity F.O.B. Prices per 100 L \$13. M \$9. S \$6.

416 SIEGLINDE (K & M) '55 LM.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Clear light flashing apricot, blending into glistening golden yellow throat. Barely into the 400 size range. Very tall, strong spikes, always straight. Heavy texture, fast propagation.

60", 26", 4½", 8-6-5-19 ('55 test), 87-B-B. Opens 10 easily when cut.

A.M., Haarlem.

Net Prices, M only .50 (3/1.25) Blts 10/.40.

ORANGE—22 Series

(Incl. yellow orange and red orange)

★421 OPERA (K & M) (our '57 U. S. introduction). Not yet offered in their catalog.

Ohio-Vt. rating: M. Clean, vivid metallic orange, not quite as deep as tangerine. Prominent, clean yellow throat. Truly superb color value. Lower range of 400 size, 4½", medium tall, 47", heads 25", can open 11 on 20 bud spikes. 89-B-B.

Only fault discovered, grown here since '53, does not behave as desired if cut in tight bud. But allow 3-4 to open in the field and you can bloom out about the most beautiful orange that can be bought, regardless of price. An introductory bargain as well.

Net Prices, M size only, Ea. .35 (4/\$1.).

524 QUEEN JULIANA (de Bruyn) (our '54 import release). LM. Tall 68-inch scarlet orange, slightly deeper in throat. Wide petalled 7-inch florets 8-8-4-20. "Whopper" spikes of great vigor, long, strong stems. Good propagation.

Ohio-Vt. ratings 84-B-B.

Each L .30 M .20 S 2/.20 Blts 10/.25 (100/\$2.).

520 REGINA (Palmer) (our '53 co-introduction). EM.

Ohio-Vt. ratings: Lively color. Buffy orange with mild soft scarlet marks in throat. Very ruffled and heavily textured. Has real "eye appeal".

64", 26", 5¼", 6-5-7-18, 86-B-B.

Two years trial by the Canadian G.G.C. won their Gold Medal Award in '50.

Each L .25 3/.60.

LIGHT SALMON—30 Series

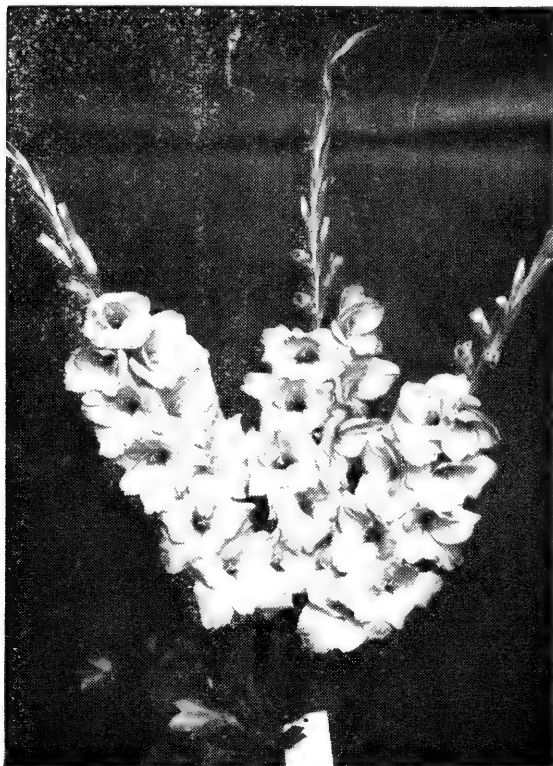
431 FATA MORGANA (K & M '56) (our '55 introduction). EM.

Bright, peachy salmon pink, occasionally with some deeper feathering to edge with sharply contrasting, clean deep amber lip petals. Creamy rib on all but lip petals. Ruffled.

Outstanding color harmony, good com'pl habits, 55", 24", 4½", 10-7-3-20, Ohio-Vt. test ratings 88-A-B.

A.M., Haarlem.

Each L .35 (3/.85) M .25 (3/.60) Blts (10/.30) (100/\$2.).



KING SIZE

531 KING SIZE (Hartman) (Gove-Evans '53 co-introduction). LM. This giant of giants is a clear medium-light salmon with a few carmine lines on a rich cream throat. Opens up to 10 or more 6½-8-inch well placed blooms on immense flowerheads 36-40 inches long. The plants from large bulbs consistently run from 6-6¼ feet with up to 26 buds. It has good substance and opens well when cut. It is a good propagator and makes many average size bulblets that germinate well.

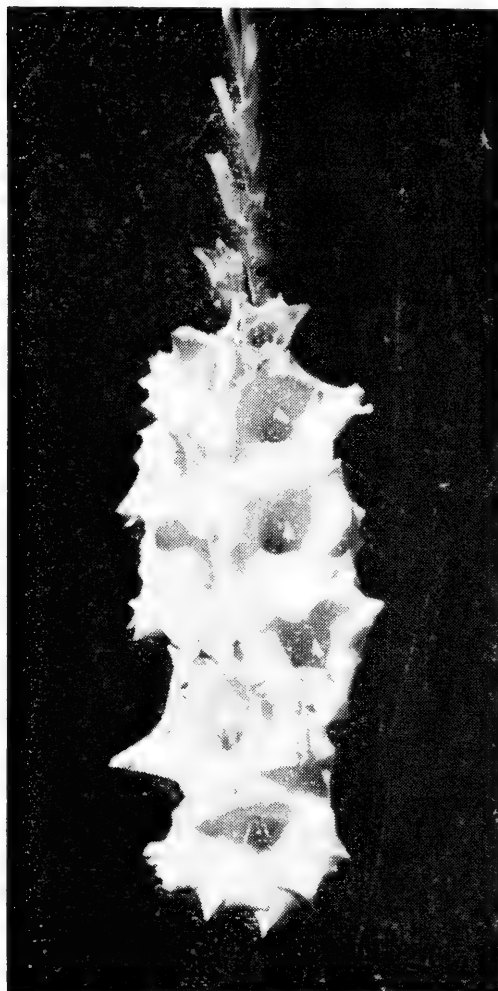
Here is a variety that has really gone to town the past few years. It has won 7 Grand Champs, 3 Reserve Champs, 8 Seedling Champs plus numerous other special awards such as longest flowerhead, largest floret, most open, best 3 spike, etc.

Ohio-Vt. test ratings 86-A-B.

See illustration.

Each L .25 M .15 S (3/.25) Blts (100/\$1.).

530 LUXURY. Oversold last season and withdrawn to propagate.



FULDA

DEEP SALMON—32 Series

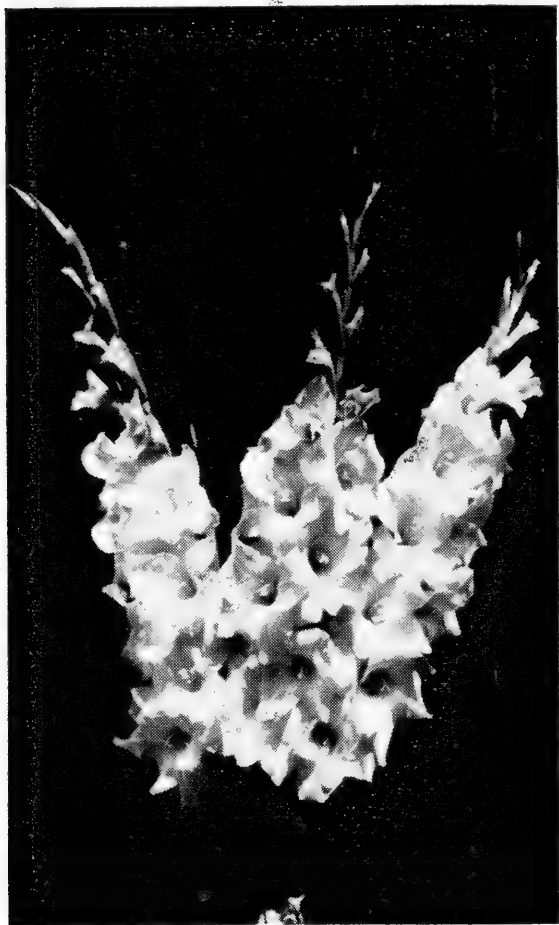
533 BOLDFACE (Evans '47). M. Color is brilliant and very attractive. Very deep salmon pink (close to a pinkish scarlet) with an almost black red brush on clean white throat, very spectacularly blotched. Ruffled florets that run a bit over 5½ inches. Opens up to 8 in field, 9-11 when cut, 20-21 buds. Plant growth is vigorous.

Now a world-wide best seller.

Grown widely for cut flowers and a "sell-out" in L and M sizes for years. We hope our L bulb supply will equal demand.

Vv ratings AA (one of the 17 to date) and 92, top color rating for deep salmon, all sizes. 92-AA-A.

Prices L 2/.30 (10/\$1.20) M 2/.20 (10/.80).



KOSMOS

533 KOSMOS (K & M '56) (our '56 co-introduction).

Ohio-Pa. ratings: EM. Clean deep orange salmon, clean deep yellow throat and mid-ribs. Immense flowerheads on tall strong stems. Excellent substance. Produces uniform "knockout" spikes. Vigorous propagator.

'56 revision of Ohio-Pa. ratings:

533, 58", 28", 6½", 9-7-6-22, 88-AA-AA.

In two stormy years, allowing almost every spike of Kosmos to bloom out on the plants to mature seed and for convenience of note taking, all plants stood erect until dug and no lack of attachment whatever occurred. The AA-AA rating awarded by the Ohio testing program, the first since 1949, from our experience, appears completely justified.

See illustration.

Net Prices Each L \$3. M \$2. S \$1.25
Blts .75.

★532 DON JUAN (Pfizer) (our '57 U. S. introduction. M. Clear, glistening, unmarked salmon-orange, throat equally clear, light yellow (not as contrasty as Kosmos). Tall, robust plants and spikes. Definitely healthy, fast propagator. Formal placement tends to shorten heads. Florescence somewhat excessive for Exh. judging, spikes varying from 8-5-4-17 to 10-7-0-17. Wide smooth petals, 54", 24", 5½".

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Valued tentatively in '54 at 88-B-B. Subsequent experience here in Ohio indicates a recheck should follow for possible issuance of 88-B-A. Net Prices Each L .50 (3/\$1.20) M .40 (3/.95).

★433 FOCUS (DeBe) (our '57 U. S. introduction).

One of the test gardens lacked data and the item will be again tested this year. Our ratings, temporarily: VE. A Pactolus type of bloom with more height and this one "is so loud it screams"! Flaring, ruffled florets, medium-deep salmon, edged red orange. Lip petals conspicuously marked by large carmine area on a yellow base, (i.e., from edge to center: red orange, then deep salmon, then yellow, then carmine). In addition, the reverse of the petals is rose. Wide, low foliage with good access to cutting. Bud separation, health, substance, placement all good. Should be a marvelous roadside seller, among other uses. 48-53", 24-26", 4¾", 8-6-5-19, 86-B-B. A.M., Haarlem, '56.

Net Prices Each L .40 (3/\$1.) S (#4-5) .25 (5/\$1.).

SCARLET—36 Series

436 SANS SOUCI (K & M '51) (our '51 co-introduction). M. Translated, without worry. Very rich glowing scarlet with a narrow creamy white pencil line on lip petal. The color glows with metallic lustre. Florets are 5-5½ inches, of heavy texture.

Strong, tall spikes, 60 inches and more. Placement, attachment, bud separation, access to easy cutting, vigorous, healthy growth, splendid propagation all that can be desired. 8-8-3-19 spikes in the field.

Vv test ratings, 89-A-A.

Prices L 2/.30 M 2/.20 Blts (100/\$1.).

Bulbs and bulblets priced per each. 10 sold at 8 times each rate.

3, 5 or more sold at this 10 rate. Bulblets 25 at 100 rate.

10 Rate does not apply to items priced "NET".

LIGHT PINK—40 Series

540 ETHEREAL (Burns) '52. M.

Ohio-Vt. ratings: Clear, very light cool pink, cream blend in throat. Huge flaring round florets, wide smooth petals, recurved. Tall strong plants, many open. High color value.

66", 36", 6", 8-7-5-20, 90-A-B.

Makes what we call "whopper spikes" with ease. A court of honor, grand champion contender.

Oversold in '56, in very short supply.

Net Prices Each, M only .35 Blts 10/.30.

540 EVANGELINE (Palmer '48) LM.

Very pale, light rose, almost blush white with creamy yellow throat. This is the giant seedling that started its way to fame as seedling and grand champion at the big Cleveland '46 show. Both bulbs and bulblets make powerful growth. Winning its share of prizes everywhere.

Vv test ratings, 86-A-A.

Prices L 2/.30 (10/\$1.20) Blts 100/\$1.

★440 INNOCENCE (Fischer) (our '57 co-introduction). EM.

Many good glads with but a slight blush of rose start out in life registered as 60 rose color, but, being in effect a "blush white," seem sooner or later to be reclassified as 40 light pink color. The blush is located mostly within the outer half inch of the petals.

In any event, the important thing is that here is a glad of the Appleblossom type which many will claim is superior. Looks and acts like a sister seedling and both are literally plastered with bulblets when dug.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: EM to M. Palest pink, blending into clean, creamy white throat. Excellent color, extra under rear highlighting. Well ruffled. Tall plants, informal heads up to 35 inches.

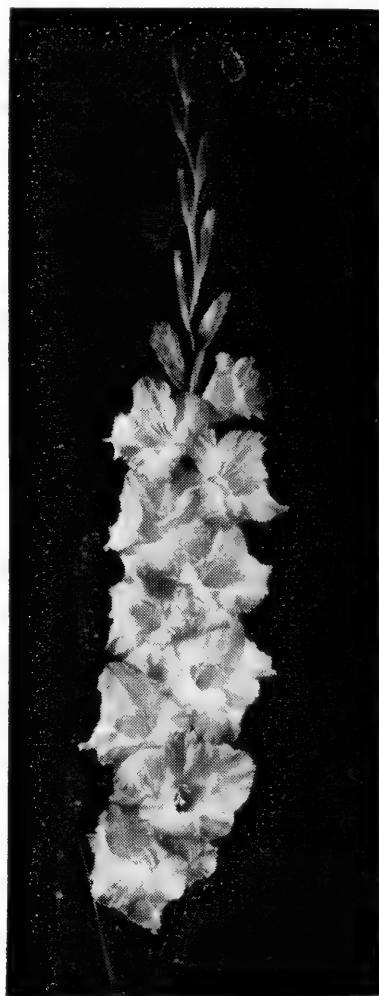
57", 35", 5", 8-8-6-22, 89-A-A.

Can bud color 9 before 1st opens.

Florets are of good substance and long lasting. Spikes are wiry and strong and the variety is an exceptionally good bloomer from both medium and small bulbs.

See illustration.

Net Prices Each L .50 M .50. Of either size or both, 12 for \$4.50.



INNOCENCE

540 FANCY (de Bruyn) (our '54 import release) M. Clean creamy flesh pink, faint Picardy type scratch in throat. In extremely hot weather an occasional floret may show some tiny salmon feathers or splotches near petal edge. 60 inches tall, very stretchy heads on strong, wiry stems. Good propagation. A retest in '53 trials produced bigger spikes with more buds, 8-7-5-20. Ohio-Vt. test ratings: 87-B-B.

Each L .25 M .20 Blts 10/.25 (100/\$2.).

541 SHEHEREZADE (K & M) '51. EM. Vv ratings: Creamy pink, solid strawberry blotch. Makes what we call "whopper" spikes, 70", 30", 6", 8-7-5-20, 82-B-B.

Wide petals, florets flare and have been had well over 7". Healthy and vigorous propagator.

Now a well established cut flower with an F.C.C., Haarlem.

Each L (2/.30) (10/1.20) M (3/.25) (10/.80) Blts 100/.50.

MEDIUM PINK—42 Series

- ★443 MAYTIME (Baerman-Fischer) (our '57 co-introduction). Being one of the two 1957 "All America Gladiolus Selections." Plant Pat. applied for. E.

Ohio-Pa. ratings:

Medium-deep pink that resists feathering, with large creamy white area in throat and extending a pointed line along each petal. Slight ruffling at edge. Tall spikes, heads up to 30". Early. 56-60", 26-30", 5¼", 8-7-7-22, 86-A-A. Strong plants, relatively short, wide foliage, allowing easy access to cutting, good bud separation, excellent substance. Easy growth and abundant bulblet supply indicate fast propagation.

The right to reproduce the All America varieties for resale purposes or to sell cut flowers is reserved.

Net Prices Ea. L .50 (6/\$2.50) (12/\$5.).

In lots of 6 or 12, any combination may be selected from among the 4 Pat. varieties.

1 each of the 4 varieties may be had for \$1.75.

- ★542 PAUL BUNYAN (Melk) '55. M.

Not entered in the Ohio-Pa. test program. Grown here only from #4 bulbs. Huge spikes with large 5½-6" ruffled and fluted florets of medium-deep pink, faintly mottled, deeper in throat. Larger bulbs can produce strong spikes close to 60" high, opening 8-10 florets of good substance with up to 22 buds. Belongs in our so-called "whopper" category.

Each L .50 M .35 Blts 10/.40.

DEEP PINK—44 Series

- 445 ALFRED NOBEL (Salman) (our

'54 import release). M. Strong colors. Deep reddish "Azalea" pink with an explosion blotch of cream, extending on ribs. Makes very spectacular, straight spikes with long heads, even from small bulbs. 5-inch florets. Excellent cut habits, fast propagation.

Vv test ratings: 55", 26", 5¼", 85-B-B. A commercial A is now plainly indicated.

L 2/.30 (10/\$1.20) M 3/.30 (10/.80) Blts 100/\$1.

LIGHT RED—50 Series

- 550 MID AMERICA (Knierim-Evans '47) M.

Color clear, brilliant light red, unmarked. Mammoth, smooth, round florets around 7 inches diameter and more, well attached on very tall spikes,

26 buds on extra strong stems, as well as extra long flowerheads, 33-36 inch heads being almost an average for large bulb production. Foliage is wide and heavy and tall, even that of bulblets growing 30 inches tall. About a fourth of the bulblets bloom.

It has just about smothered all opposition in the shows.

Every year grand champs, reserve champs, 2nd day champs, section and division champs, longest flowerheads, largest floret, etc., too numerous to detail.

Vv test rating: 90-A-A.

Prices L 2/.30 Blts 100/.50.

- 450 RED RADIANCE (Melk) '53. M.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Clean light red, ribs slightly lighter. Tall, good cut habits, good propagator.

58", 28", 5", 9-6-5-20, 86-A-A.

Each L .20 M .15.

- 450 ROYAL STEWART (All America Gladiolus Selection) Plant Patent 1339.

(Pommert) '56. EM. Clear light red, faint creamy etching around the deeper throat. Strong plants, long flowerheads with double row placement.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: 60", 26-30", 5", 11-7-3-21, 84-A-A.

The right to reproduce the All-America varieties for resale purposes or to sell cut flowers is reserved by patent owner.

Net Prices, Large bulbs only. Each .50 (6/\$2.50) (12/\$5.). In lots of 6 or 12, any combination may be selected from among the four Pat. varieties. 1 each of the 4 varieties may be had for \$1.75.

DEEP RED—52 Series

- 552 HARRISBURGER (Mikle) (our '53

co-introduction). VL. Medium red self of great vigor. The petal surface has a velvety plush appearance that brings the color alive. You will surely admire the color even if you are one of the few who place red well down the list of color preference. Long, informal type of flowerheads on tall plants of 60 inches or more. Lightly ruffled 5¼ inch florets here but grown to 6½ inches in Vermont. 7-6-7-20. Plants very strong and healthy. Very late.

Ohio-Vt. ratings: 88-A-B.

Each L .25 (3/.60) M .20 (3/.40) Blts 100/\$1.50.

★552 INCA (Kooy) L. (Our '57 U. S. introduction).

Ohio-Pa. tentative ratings: 87-B-AB. The variety will be retested.

Has outstanding color. Velvety, deep cardinal red, not far from blood red self, with a distinct silvery white line at the edge of all petals, which are wide, smooth and flaring.

52", 24", 6", 7-6-3-16.

In the Ohio test plot we plant shallow, hill a bit by time of bud development. It was too wet to power machine hill at the logical time. We had several gusty rains during bloom season, gusts from 35 to 65 MPH and a few plants tilted to varying degrees. Probably the bulbs of these plants also tilted in the wet ground. But close scrutiny was overlooked. The Pa. report made no mention of plant support, which is in its favor since observed faults are recorded. Other habits, placement, plant and bulb health, access to low cutting, bud separation, substance, etc., checked satisfactory.

The variety is too good to overlook or be without mention for another year and while the propagated stock available is meager, some of our good customers are going to acquire an early sampling of the variety which we think has a brilliant future.

See illustration on front cover.

Net Prices Each L .50 M .40 S .30.

452 INSURPASSABLE (Salmon) (our '55 U. S. introduction). VE.

Ohio-Pa. revised ratings: Clean vivid deep red, throat approaching black red, 1/8 inch cream pencil on lip petals. Excellent commercial spikes, wiry, extremely strong and tall from all size bulbs, flat flaring florets. Ideal cut flower traits. No crooks, no bends, none over though left to remain, uncut. 8-10 bud color on most before 1st floret opens. Note new commercial rating. 60-66", 27", 5", VE, 10-6-4-20, 86-A-AA. Now has F.C.C., Haarlem. Was 65 days in '53, 75 in '54 and 58 in '55.

Each L .35 (10/\$2.80) M .25 (10/\$2.) S .15 (10/\$1.20) Blts 10/.25 (100/\$2.).

452 RED PEPPER (K & M) (our '54 U. S. introduction).

Ohio-Vt. ratings: M. Clean, brilliant deep red about the color of the red pepper fruit, close to that of Harrisburger. Throat is slightly deeper, almost a self. Tall and strong. 58", 26", 5 1/4", 8-6-4-18; 87-A-A.

Three years of experience lead us to the conclusion that Red Pepper is the best all-purpose red cut flower since

Red Charm. The color is outstanding, wide short foliage with excellent access to cutting, substance, bud separation, opening cut tight, placement all excellent. Healthy, vigorous propagator. Color Champion, Ohio, Chagrin Falls show, '55.

A.M., Haarlem.

Each L .40 (3/.90) M .30 (3/.70) S .20 (10/\$1.50) Blts 100/\$2.

BLACK RED—54 Series

454 BLACKPOOL (Visser) (our '54 import release). M. Clean black red. Excellent color value. Tall, wiry, straight spikes. 5-inch florets. 6-6-7-19. Very healthy. Substance, bud separation, access to cutting, propagation, etc., very good.

We are very pleased to be able to offer it.

Ohio-Vt. test ratings: 87-B-B.

Each M .20 Blts 10/.25.

★455 LA CORUNA (K & M) M. (our '57 U. S. introduction). Not yet offered in K & M's current catalog (whol. only issued), probably in '58.

Ohio-Pa. ratings:

Clean, velvety, extremely black red self, but with a sharply defined 1/8th inch clean, purest white line extending on lower three petals. Tall, strong spikes carrying 27" heads.

56", 27", 5 1/4", 7-8-7-22, 87-A-B.

The com'l B rating is not based on any fault found, other than the fact that florists demand for black red blooms is rather limited.

Orders limited to a sampling of 5 bulbs and prices next year may have to rise, depending on K & M's introductory whol. price.

Net Prices Each L \$1. M .75.

LIGHT ROSE—60 Series

460 APPLEBLOSSOM (All America Gladiolus Selection). Plant Patent applied for. (Baerman-Fischer) '56. Very early.

Ohio-Vt. ratings: Crisp, frosty white with a lavender-rose halo or edging. Strong wiry stems, informal placement, good substance, prolific.

57", 28", 4 3/4", 8-8-6-22, 85-A-A.

Was 60" in Vt. and bloomed in 53 days in Ohio.

The right to reproduce the All-America varieties for resale purposes or to sell cut flowers is reserved by patent owner. Net Prices, Large bulbs only. Each .50 (6/\$2.50) (12/\$5.).

In lots of 6 or 12, any combination among the 4 Pat. varieties may be selected. 1 each of the 4 var. may be had for \$1.75.

MEDIUM ROSE—62 Series

562 **KEUKENHOF** (Visser) (our '55 import release). LM. Clean orchid lavender-rose, blending deeper to edge, white mid-rib, cream throat. No fleck or feather. Florets flare, recurved, slightly ruffled at edge, 5½-6 inches, 58 inch height, 10-7-4-21 bud spikes. In '55, while most of the "whoppers" were faltering under the excessive heat of June and July, this variety, in the test plot, at least temporarily joined our "whopper" list with massive, stunning spikes of 58-64", 28" heads, high color value, excellent substance.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: 88-A-B.

Each L .35 (3/.85) M .20 (3 / .45) Blts 20/.30.

★462 **ROSE SPIRE** (Fischer) (our '57 co-introduction). E.

Ohio-Pa. ratings:

'56 classification says 460 but it is not that pale. Medium rose, lavender toned, blending into pale cream throat. The excellent color resists feathering. Tall, strong, stretchy spikes with long flower-heads. Marketable spikes from #5 bulbs. 58", 28", 4¾", E, 9-7-6-22, 87-B-A.

Net Prices Each L .50 M .50. Of either size, or mixed sizes, 12 for \$4.50.

563 **ROSITA** (Woods) '52 M. Color is a medium depth of rose with a cyclamen blotch. The petals are banded with a whitish edging. The florets are wide petalled, immense, round and wide open. Petals are frilled and fluted and of heavy texture. A fast propagator. Our best bloom in the field held 9 open 6½-7-inch florets, 7 in bud color, 5 green for 21 bud count. Height 60 inches.

Grown in 6 of the 11 N.A.G.C. test gardens, '52, Rosita was the highest rated glad, collecting 2AA, 3A and 1B. If you want the most spectacular "whopper type spike" in the rose classification, this is it.

Our ratings: 88-A-A.

Each L .25 (3/.60) Blts 100/\$1.

DEEP ROSE—64 Series

564 **HADES** (Preyde) (our '54 introduction). M. Extremely deep rose self. Massive spikes of great power. The rose tone is more noticeable than that in the variety New York. Standing alongside good spikes of 500 size New York, the latter are simply dwarfed. Florets 6 inches up. 8-5-4-17. 62 inches height.

Hades belongs well up on the list of "whopper" spikes.

Ohio-Vt. test ratings: 87-A-A.

Each M .40 (3/.95) S .25 (5/\$1.) Blts (10/.40) (100/\$3.).

LT. LAVENDER—66 Series

★466 **PRESTO** (K & M) (our '57 U. S. introduction). A name duplication.

Ohio-Pa. ratings:

E. Medium depth, orchid toned lavender, blending into a lighter throat, carrying a few faint lines, dusted grayish lavender. A superior color for arrangements and com'l use. Placement is consistently ideal. Opens to tip, cut tight. Strong, wiry stems. Bulblets are many and vigorous. Grown here 3 years, it appears a Com'l A is indicated.

Our bulb supply is relatively modest. 48", 22-24", 4½", 7-5-5-17, 87-B-B.

Net Prices (matching f.o.b. Holland whol.)

Ea. L \$3. M \$3. S \$2. Blts .75.

★367 **VENUS** (Salman) '55.

Our ratings:

Makes beautiful spikes of the Violet Charm type, smaller scale.

Medium-light lavender, somewhat blue toned. Spectacularly marked with a heavy purple brush on a lighter lavender throat. Occasional bit of deeper feathering at edge. Wiry, straight and strong spikes with uniformly excellent placement and taper.

56", 27", 4", E., 8-6-4-18, 86-B-B.

Each L .40 (3/\$1.) Blts 10/.30.

DP. LAVENDER—68 Series

568 **PRETTY** (Visser) (our '54 import release). M. Deep orchid lavender, a bit lighter on upper petals, a bit deeper on lip. 6-inch florets, "whopper" flower-heads in good proportion, 8-8-4-20 but medium tall, 54 inches.

Good propagator.

Spikes comparable to or larger than those of Sterling and Parthiana and with little or no feathering. "Pretty" it right!

Our ratings: 86-B-B.

Was late mid-season in '54.

Each M .30 S .20 Blts 10/.25.

PURPLE—70 Series

570 **KING DAVID** (Carlson) '51 M. Deep purple with a red tone in the throat. A hair line edging around the petals which are ruffled, recurved and needlepoint forming a butterfly type with winged florets. Has made great headway in the short time it has been available, partly because fast propagation has brought many spikes to the shows where it has won numberless first prizes.

Tall, straight spikes of 8-8-8-24 on strong wiry stems recorded in '51 at Valleevue are now frequently equalled.

The '55 N.A.G.C. Symposium rates it the best exhibition and commercial purple.

Vv test ratings: 87-A-A.

Each L .15 (10/\$1.20).

570 PURPLE DREAM (Poertner) (our '55 introduction). M. Tall (50-66-inch), huge (5½-6 inch), ruffled, blue-toned purple, tinted somewhat lighter in throat. Tremendous flowerheads (24-27-inch), buds apportioned up to 9-8-3-20 on good length stems that are strong and stay erect. A Burma sport. Substance, propagation and other commercial habits excellent, as you would expect. It was easily the best of the many Burma sports and seedlings grown here in Ohio Soc. test garden in the last 4 years.

Botrytis resistant and given time we think it will outpoint King David in the symposiums.

Ohio-Vt. test ratings: 85-B-A.

Each L .50 (3/\$1.20) M .35 (3/.80)
S .25 (5/\$1.) Blts (10/.50) (100/\$4.).

470 WONDER BOY (Tyndall) '52 EM. Deep blue toned purple with a rich, velvety sheen, feathered lighter toward edges of the 3 outer petals. Big, round, slightly ruffled 5-5½-inch florets, well placed on long flowerheads 8-7-5-20.

Height about 55 inches. Propagation very satisfactory.

O. S. G. S. (Ohio-Vt.) test ratings: 84-A-B.

Each Medium .20 (3/.45) Blts (100/\$1.).

LIGHT VIOLET—76 Series

477 BLUE GODDESS (K & M) (our '56 U. S. introduction). EM.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Medium-light blue. Clearest blue yet introduced, every spike perfect, no fade or burn. Throat is deeper, also slightly deeper blend to edge. Wide petals, florets flare, recurved. Uniform spikes, wiry stems, strong and straight, perfectly placed.

Good bulblet producer.

57", 27", 4¾", 8-8-3-19, 88-A-A.

See illustration.

Each L \$1. (3/\$2.25) M .75 (3/\$1.75)
S .50 (3/\$1.20) Blts (7/.50) (20/\$1.).



BLUE GODDESS

★ **376 CARIBBEAN** (Baerman-Fischer) (our '57 co-introduction). Being one of the two 1957 "All America Gladiolus Selections." Pat. applied for. E.

No entry made in the Ohio-Pa. testing program.

Delicately light blue toned violet, blending somewhat deeper to a ruffled edge.

Lip petals blend through a creamy area into large, solid, deep violet throat marks.

Medium sized blooms, around 4", 9-11 open in formal placement on tall, vigorous plants.

The right to reproduce the All America varieties for resale purposes or to sell cut flowers is reserved.

Net Prices, Large bulbs only, Each .50 (6/\$2.50) (12/\$5.). In lots of 6 or 12, any combination may be selected among the 4 patented varieties.

One each of the 4 varieties may be had for \$1.75.

477 MAJOLICA (Pfizer) (our '56 U. S. introduction). E.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Very light tint of procelain blue with harmonious solid deep blue violet throat. High color value. Wide, flat petals.

60", 28", 5¼", 5-6-6-17, 91-A-B.

The beautiful color is an absolutely clean, very light tint of blue, approaching white, with sharply defined (no blend), solid deep throat mark. A real beauty. Six open have been had on the plant but so far five have been normal. Fine propagator.

A.M., Haarlem.

Each L \$1.50 M \$1. S .75 Blts (5/.50) (15/\$1.).

477 VIOLET CHARM (Jack) '53. M.

Ohio-Pa. ratings: Pale blue violet, broad, deep blue violet arrow on cream in throat. Makes well placed, long heads. Good habits.

60", 32", 4¾", 10-7-3-20, 86-A-A.

Each L .25 (3/.60) M .20 (3/.45) S (5/.50) Blts (100/\$1.).

DEEP VIOLET—78 Series

479 FLYING DUTCHMAN (Salman) (our '56 U. S. introduction).

Ohio-Vt. ratings: M. Tall, medium-deep blue violet with black-red line and pepper on all petals. Unusual color combination suggestive of a slash of ink. Flat, flaring petals.

58", 28", 5", 5-5-10-20, 84-B-B.

Since above rating we have had many spikes open 7 and 8 in the field. Habits reasonably good, including propagation. Prices Each, Medium .40.

578 SALMAN'S SENSATION (Salman)

(our '53 import release). LM. Clean, medium-deep blue violet, shaded deeper in lower throat and tinted lighter in upper throat. The tallest (70 inches) and largest (7 inches) blue extant, by a wide margin.

The plants are heavy, flowerheads long, stems wiry and stiff, access to cutting, bud separation and placement all very good. Opens well and most of the spikes we grew held 6-6-6-18 buds, though one held 8 open.

The variety makes our "whopper" spike list with ease.

O. S. G. S. (Ohio-Vt.) test ratings: 87-A-A.

Each L .25 (3/.60) M .20 (3/.45) Blts 100/\$1.

478 WEDGEWOOD (K & M) (our '52 import release). M. Named in Holland at least in '47, if not before, so a change of name seems impossible to differentiate it from Fischer's Wedge-

wood, a 366 classification. K & M's Wedgewood is the closest to true blue we have found in gladiolus. The color is deep and lively and has a small white dart. We all expect faults in what we call "blue" gladiolus and we have some minor ones here. The flowerheads are a bit short for its tall stems. Plants and bulbs look healthy and stay healthy and propagation and commercial habits appear very good. You will enthuse over its color, much better blue than that of Pelegrina and Abu Hassan and the florets are larger, as well.

Vv ratings ('49 report), overall B.

We would rate its color about 90.

Prices Each L .50 M .35 S .20 Blts 5/.25.

SMOKY—80 Series

★**483 DUSK** (Fischer) '55. E.

Ohio-Pa. ratings:

Well named smoky, reminding one of the dusky, deep salmon tones of Sandman and Hi-Jinks. Florets are recurved, flaring.

The prominent, creamy white throat, which extends on the mid-ribs, sets off the dusky tones to advantage, expanding its decorative uses.

Here it is early, but one could easily consider it mid-season if growing an assortment of bulb sizes, inasmuch as the blooms from smaller sizes spread out the bloom season a month or more but with spikes really comparable to those from heavy bulbs. An easy doer, vigorous plant growth and bulb propagation.

E. 52-56", 23-28", 5-6", 7-5-5-17, 84-B-B.

We noted a few slight bends in the wiry stems under the heads, but grown more years, the fault now appears negligible.

L (2/.30) (10/\$1.20) (M 3/.25) S (5/.25) Blts (100/\$1.).

ANY OTHER COLOR—90

591 PINNACLE (Jack) (Gove-Evans '56 co-introduction). L.

Evans ratings: Light lavender with large throat mark of blue-purple, carrying a ⅛ inch red-purple line along midribs of lower petals. Occasional deeper feathering to edge. Might be classed 567. Wide petals form flaring, recurved, lightly ruffled, giant florets. We have had 19 bud color on 20 bud spikes before first opened. Giant spikes, easily making our "whopper list", with long heads on heavy, strong, self-supporting plants of excellent substance. Some occasional misplacement.

60-64", 24-28", 6", 11-11-2-24. 83-B-B. Prices Each M .75 S .50 Blts 3/.25.

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